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THE EDITORSHIP OF THE MAGAZINE.

With great regret the Publishing Committee of the magazine announce to its readers and subscribers that with the issue of October 1908 the connection of Mr. Alexander S. Salley Jr. with the magazine as editor came to a close. Just nine years ago Mr. Salley undertook at a most inadequate rate of compensation to begin in Charleston, the home city of our Society, a quarterly publication, which would bring into the light the stores of historical matter in our possession. In that period 2700 pages have been published in the nine volumes of the magazine as against 1800 pages published in all of the half century of the life of the Society up to that time. When it is recollected that the other publications, one and all, were brought out with the assistance of funds supplied by the State or the city of Charleston, while the magazine under his editorship has been self sustaining, the work which has been done will be appreciated. Rare indeed were his qualifications for his position. His industry was unflagging, his zeal untiring. With a knowledge of South Carolina history second to that of no living authority, with an absorbing passion for painstaking research, he unites a wonderful talent for telling the true from the false and the courage to maintain his opinion without fear of offending. When therefore a fact was stated, or a document published in the magazine, its truth was accepted, its genuineness was unquestioned. He knew what an historical magazine should be, and, within the limits, allowed by the means of the Society, he succeeded in bringing it up to his mark. It was evident to this committee from the very first that Mr. Salley would sooner or later be called to a more remunerative position, and when selected as Secretary of the State Historical Commission, they were prepared to see his editorship of the magazine come to an end. Yet, for three years, and without the least compensation, he continued his editorial work. At length however the arduous duties of his office in Columbia have compelled him reluctantly to give up his work with us.

With characteristic generosity however he has promised to assist us with his valuable advise as a member of the Publishing Committee and to give us from time to time for publication material which he has gathered. The magazine will sorely feel his loss. In Miss. Mabel Louise Webber, our efficient Secretary and Treasurer, who now takes up the additional duties of editor, we are sure that the magazine will have a faithful successor to Mr. Salley, quite resolved that the magazine shall not go backward in her hands. The cost of publication has increased enormously during the last year, and the work of supporting the magazine will not be an easy one. We are confident however that all will go well.